

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 690
By Harper

A RESOLUTION to recognize Ann Chapman on the occasion of her retirement as Administrator of the Metro Beautification and Environment Commission.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who in their years of work have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm; and

WHEREAS, Ann Chapman is one such estimable person who has served with distinction for 16 years as Administrator of the Beautification and Environment Commission of Metropolitan Nashville and Davidson County; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Chapman took a much deserved retirement from that position on December 31, 2003; her tenure in that office demonstrably improved the quality of life for all citizens of and visitors to Metro Nashville Davidson County; and

WHEREAS, born August 22, 1943 to R.G. and Flora Chapman, Ann grew up in Lawrence County and graduated from Loretto High School in 1961; she enrolled in David Lipscomb University and graduated in 1965 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Home Economics; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Chapman served as an assistant to Congressman Richard Fulton beginning in 1972, and in 1975 followed him as an assistant when he took office as Mayor of Nashville Davidson County, serving in that position until 1987; and

WHEREAS, an active and important part of her community, Ann Chapman has participated in numerous worthy organizations, including serving as the Metro Government Representative to Executive Women International since 1975, serving as its President in 1980, being named EWI Woman of the Year in 1982, and serving as Convention Chair for the 1991 annual meeting held in Nashville; she is also a past member of Madison Children's Home and Domestic Violence Center; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Chapman is a devout and longtime member of Madison Church of Christ, where she is a member of the Chorus; she was the founder of the Metro Secretaries Association, which fostered networking among secretaries to local government department heads; and

WHEREAS, Ann Chapman accomplished many great things during her tenure at the Metro Beautification and Environment Commission, including working to secure affiliation with Keep America Beautiful in 1989 and securing an 86 percent reduction in litter since then, increasing neighborhood participants from 10 to 200, implementing of a vacant lot program which has provided \$1.3 million in cost benefits to the city, and implementing the Adopt-a-Street program for neighborhoods to pick up roadside litter four times a year; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Chapman was also instrumental in providing staff support for the Metro Tree Board, which secured passage of the Metro Tree Ordinance and the designation of Nashville as Tree City USA and encouraging and empowering Nashvillians to strive for cleaner community through Litter Bug Report Cards, Great American Cleanups, Computer Recycling Events, Lawn and Garden Contests and the Annual Holiday Lights Competition; and

WHEREAS, through Ann Chapman's efforts, Nashvillians enjoy their city's generous park space with reduced graffiti and trash, and the gardens, benches, and trees in the city's public areas, and take pride in the magnificent older trees whose lives have spanned the city's history; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Chapman exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; the legacy of her work will benefit Nashville and its citizens for generations to come; and

WHEREAS, throughout her estimable career, Ann Chapman has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of her peers, colleagues and supervisors alike; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we extend to Ann Chapman our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement, thank her for her tireless efforts to foster appreciation for conservation and bring

beauty to her city, and offer her our best wishes for every continued success in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.